Permanent construction in the submerging Areas of THEP

†4471. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that concrete or permanent constructions are being carried out at the unuseful places in the submerging areas of the Tehri Hydro Electric Project;

(b) whether Government have prohibited construction in the submerging areas, if so, whether persons engaged in construction work would face difficulties in getting compensation; and

(c) the Government's policy in order to avoid difficulties arising out of such disputes and what arrangements have been made to make people aware of all this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The Government of Uttaranchal has informed that construction is still being carried out by some persons residing in the submergence area of Tehri Project. Such construction is unauthorized and will not be eligible for compensation. The Tehri Dam Coordination Committee constituted by the Government of Uttaranchal is empowered to check the unauthorized construction. The Special Land Acquisition Officer has also been given appropriate instructions in this regard.

Fire at Patratu Thermal Power Station in Jharkhand

4472. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an incident of fire took place at Patratu Thermal Power Station of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the reasons of the fire;

(c) the loss caused due to this fire;

(d) whether adequate safety measures exist in the plant to combat fire; and

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